



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Conventions Attended

By J. H. WALKER, Gen. Overseer

First Convention

First state convention for the year and the first ever to be held by the Church of God in the extreme Northwest was a wonderful success. It convened at Walla Walla, Washington, March 26 to 28.

Our work is very small in this territory but truly Brothers Milam and Camp are good pioneers. Last year Brother Milam went to the territory, now the two together have, I believe, five churches and two more to be set in order possibly this month. God is blessing.

The brethren arranged for the convention at Walla Walla, Washington, a fine little city, where we had no church organized, only a nice church building leased for a year for services, Easter Sunday, the closing day of the convention we organized a little church with twelve members consisting of transfers and new members. There are others to come in later. Among the number was a minister who went the day after the convention to a new opening. Thank the Lord! I suppose this is a record-breaker—church set in order at state convention Sunday evening, the baby church, and first-born convention of extreme Northwest, and gave \$20.00 to missions. We certainly praise the Lord for them.

There were few ministers in attendance and I'm sure I can speak for all that they enjoyed Brother E. M. Ellis' visit and his good messages. The dear Lord did bless so graciously and the brethren who had felt so much alone

away off there said they were greatly encouraged. Do pray for them. There is indeed an opportunity for a number of good churches in their territory. However, much of the vast area is only desert and waste land, yet the valleys are rich and where it is irrigated produces abundantly. I have never had so many calls for good qualified, God-called, God-anointed ministers. Surely we are living in the most open-door period in America the Church of God has ever known. Churches are being neglected and deserted and the hungry people are calling, "Please come over and help us, our loved ones are unsaved." Our brethren everywhere say, "We just can't answer all the calls." O God, call more real laborers into the harvest. The trouble with most people is they never see the harvest. If so, it is either not quite ripe or there are already too many laborers. Too many preachers? they say. Possibly so in certain localities, but think of the West with its thousands and thousands of miles with few churches. Too many churches? Statistics showed for 1933 there were nine times as many theaters built in America as there were church houses. May we wake up to our opportunity—yes, our RESPONSIBILITY!

California, Arizona and Nevada Convention

This convention, held in Long Beach, Calif., April 2-4, was, in the opinion of many, the greatest they have ever had.

The dear Lord did bless wonderfully. There were representatives present from all the territory. All the eight churches were represented except two. At one of these the pastor and his wife were the only members left, and they had moved away. The other was one in Imperial Valley where they say it gets 120 degrees in the shade and there is no shade. Already many of the people have moved out of the valley this season because of the heat.

I'm sure a more detailed report will be given than this, but I certainly thank God for the work in this territory. God is blessing. All the Sunday Schools have increased greatly this year, some have even doubled and tripled their all-time records. Missions! Yes, thank the Lord, they too have caught the mission spirit. The offering Sunday was \$231.01. Isn't it just wonderful what co-operation will do in putting on a program! One little church with just a few members and most of them women, and some widows, were eager to help and the Lord blessed in their offering and through tears they brought \$30.00 to go on this drive.

The new Assembly ruling, asking each church to arrange a mission offering at home to be brought to the convention, is working wonders! especially when it is worked. Just think, last year California mission offering was \$51.26, then this year they have \$231.01, over four times the amount. Thank the Lord! for those

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Notices

To our people everywhere, especially to the people of South Carolina: The South Carolina state convention convenes April 29-May 2 at the Church of God in Greenville. The opening service will be 7:30 p. m. Thursday, April 29. The Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning services will start at 9:00 a. m. Friday and Saturday afternoon services will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 p. m. Friday and Saturday evening services will open at 7:15 p. m.

All ministers in the state will be expected to make your arrangement to take in the entire convention, providing you are not providentially hindered. You who are arranging to stay for only a part of the convention, change your plans this minute, for we need you. You are an essential part of the convention. Should you stay away or leave too early, there will be a vacancy that no one can fill. You have by your untiring efforts and sacrificing spirits, guided by the hand of God, caused South Carolina to forge ahead until she is now numbered among the most progressive states in the entire movement. Not only do we need you but it is just possible that you stand in need of some help which you could receive no place else and that help may come in the last hours of the convention, the best wine may be served in the closing moments.

Prospects are that there will be a number of distinguished visitors from out of the state, some of them are great preachers, some the cream of singers and musicians, besides South Carolina's own sons of thunder, sacred and merry music makers, and its outstanding hallelujah chorus are all contributing in making this one of the outstanding conventions of 1937.

Every reader, please receive this as a personal invitation to attend the South Carolina convention. For further information write, or go to see Earl Paulk, 203 Parris St., Greenville, S. C.—R. P. Johnson, overseer of South Carolina.

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To whom it may concern: The Roanoke, Va. district convention will convene April 30-May 2 at the Church of God at Roanoke, Va. with our state overseer in charge. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be there. All the preachers are suppose to be there at the beginning and stay until it closes.—J. H. Daniels, Rt. 1, Box 371, Roanoke, Va.

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The Anniston, Ala. district, comprised of the following churches: Annisotn, Crumley's Chapel, Edwardsville, Jackson-

ville, and Zion, will meet in a convention at the Church of God at Jacksonville, Ala., Saturday and Sunday. Brother G. C. Dunn will be with us. Ministers, be prepared to preach if called on.—J. A. Brown, district pastor, Edwardsville, Ala.

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To the Church of God family: Our state overseer, Brother J. R. Thomas, has been in Chicago and as there is no work on the west side he has left this work with Sister Zimmerlin and me. We have a chance for a work at Westmont, twenty-one miles out of the city. We want every member of the Church here to call on us. If you cannot come, I will surely go to see you if you will give me your address. I will be glad to get the addresses of all the Church of God members here. Write me or call me by phone. My phone is Seeley 7509.—Yours for lost souls, Evangelist Amelia Shumaker, 2206 Warren Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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The Harlan, Ky. district convention will convene at the Church of God, Harlan, Ky., May 7-9, with T. M. McClendon, state overseer, in charge. We invite our neighboring districts. Pray that God will bless.—T. A. Richard, district overseer, Box 45, Harlan, Ky.

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The Bible Training School catalog is ready to be mailed out. If anyone wants one address Bible Training School, Cleveland, Tenn. and we will be glad to send you one.—Zeno C. Tharp, superintendent.

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The Church of God at Clayton, Ga. has set aside May 9 as home coming day. All members are requested to be present. We also invite all neighboring churches. Bring a well-filled basket. Please bring your 25c on camp ground.—I. N. Rich, pastor, Rt. 1, Clayton, Ga.

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The Washington, Pa. district convention will convene May 7-9 at the Washington church located at 737 Broad St. We are expecting all ministers and laity to be present. Brother C. H. Blankenship will be with us and deliver some uplifting messages. We invite neighboring districts, ministers and laity to be with us on this occasion. Come prayed up with your soul filled with the glory of God.—C. H. Shaw, district pastor.

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If there is anyone living near me or if there is a Church of God near Fyffe, Ala., I would like for some one to write me as I want to attend meeting. It has been three months since I have been in meeting and how hungry I am to be with God's children, some one to sing and pray with. Pray for my unsaved wife that God will save her and we will raise our children right. Pray for a brother

that needs your prayer.—James Akins, Rt. 1, c/o W. F. Dowdy, Fyffe, Ala.

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The New River district convention will convene at the Church of God, Short Creek, Va., May 21-23 with our state overseer, Brother Dorman in charge. Every minister on the district please be present. We want every church well represented. Come and enjoy a feast from the Lord.—T. C. Wiggins, district pastor.

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To the Sunday Schools in Kentucky: Our average for February was fifty-one; March, fifty-four. Our aim is to gain one hundred per cent this summer. The banner for March goes to Harlan, Ky., L. A. Richard, pastor, Henry Lequire, superintendent. Next was Williamsburg, next Louisville, but Middlesboro the largest. Come on, Kentucky, our motto is "Our school must glow and grow and go, and I must help to make it so." Any district that feels like you would like to have a district Sunday School convention and are willing to pay expenses, please drop me a card.—C. M. Dunn, state supt., 403 S. 21st St., Middlesboro, Ky.

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The Winding Gulf, W. Va. district convention will convene at Rhodell, May 14-16. Entertainment will be free for all. All ministers and churches are invited, also people out of the district. Please close your regular services during this time.—R. A. Fielden, district pastor, Rhodell, W. Va.

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Will you please co-operate with me in trying to locate Mr. H. M. Clower sometime known as Homer M. Clower? This is important. If anyone who reads this knows anything of his whereabouts will write me this information, I will surely appreciate it. Mr. Clower was formerly a Church of God minister and in the state of West Virginia last year, this winter he was in the state of Georgia, and in the spring he was in the state of Florida. Since he has a son there I feel sure he is there some place and possibly in tent meetings as that is what he has been engaged in since last summer. I understand he was in tent meetings in both Georgia and Florida, so if you know his whereabouts, please write me as it is important that I locate him at once.—M. J. Headley, Box 155, Eupora, Miss.

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Dear coworkers: According to all reports coming in there is a nice increase in most every school. Our state banner was sent this time to Kinfolks Ridge which had an increase of more than half. Chillicothe came next, then Patton and Vicksburg, which had only one or two points less than Kinfolks Ridge. We

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Dispensation of Grace By The EDITOR

This dispensation extends from the cross to the crown and from the descent of the Holy Ghost to the rapture. Thrown in between is the restoration of Israel and their return back to Palestine. This is also known as the church age. As I have already written a piece on these dispensations, I will not go into detail as to the scriptural evidence of the baptism, but will try to take up the thought of the obligation of the Church. The Church is composed of both Jew and Gentile. The purpose of God was not revealed in the Old Testament scriptures concerning the church age.

Paul calls this age a mystery and said it was not made known unto the sons of men, Eph. 3:3-6, and adds that it was hid in God from the beginning of the world, Eph. 3:9. That the Gentiles were to be saved was no mystery, Rom. 9:24-30. The mystery was the fact of the purpose of God to unite the Jew and the Gentile in a wholly new thing—the Church, which is Christ's body, 1 Cor. 12:12, 31.

In this dispensation we are under the Davidic covenant, the sign of which is a son—Jesus, and neither Jew nor Gentile is dealt with as such. God is not dealing with nations today, but with individuals. The chief characteristic of this dispensation is that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, Rom. 11:25. God is calling out through the agency of the Holy Ghost, individuals from both Jew and Gentile, to form a new body, the Church, separate and distinct from both Jew and Gentile. This new body is not under law, but under grace, Rom. 6:14. The basis of judgment is our acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. When Christ took His seat on the Father's throne, He changed it from a throne of judgment to a throne of grace and God's attitude in this dispensation is one of favor, long-suffering toward wicked men and nations, 2 Peter 3:9.

All the previous dispensations have ended in failure. The Edenic failed and culminated in the antediluvian flood. The period of human government failed at the tower of Babel in confusion. The law of promise closed with all the descendants of Abraham in bondage, consequently they had lost their promise, forsaken Canaan and gone into Egypt. The legal dispensation, which was law, culminated in the rejection of Christ and His crucifixion. This grace or church age has existed almost two thousand years and how it is to end is a subject of prophecy. The post-millennial view is

that the enforcements of civil laws based on the Bible will finally put an end to intemperance, immorality, and such like and the world will become righteous by the enforcement of said laws, and Jesus will descend on the clouds of heaven and receive the kingdom to Himself. But this is a sad mistake.

Christ Himself said when He came back He would not find faith on the earth, Luke 18:8, and Paul warned us that in the last day perilous times would come, 2 Tim. 3:1-5. Jesus told us that the closing days of this dispensation would be like the days before the flood. As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. So also shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man, Matt. 24:37, 39.

If we will look into the Scriptures and see what those days before the flood meant and what they were doing, we will see that the days in which we live are much like them. The sons of God looked upon the daughters of men and married them wives of their own choice, but the flood came and took them all away. So in our day, it is a day of divorce, remarriage, a day of eating and drinking, and it certainly fills the description given in Matt. 24. The careful observer of the signs of the time will note that all these features of these days warn us that we are rapidly approaching the close of this dispensation. The world is filled today with seducing spirits, there is a rival of doctrines, 1 Tim. 4:1.

The preaching of the coming of the Lord today is largely rejected, thus fulfilling the words of Peter, 2 Peter 3:3, 4. I'm afraid that the Holy Ghost will soon cease striving with men as God did in the days before the flood, after He had given them warning through Noah, Gen. 6:3.

A careful study of the Word will show us that this dispensation, like all that have preceded it, will end in apostasy.

THE CHURCH

Some are teaching today that this dispensation is a continuation of the old Jewish dispensation, but from the reading of the Scriptures, we see that the Jews have been shunned to a side-track to clear the way for the passing of the Church; and while the overlapping of these periods is certainly now working, yet the Jews will not be fully reinstated in their homeland and in their temple worship until the Church has passed, or

those who are ready go into the heavens with Jesus.

The main object in this dispensation is to prepare a bride for the Son of God, and will be done by the Holy Ghost as He gathers the Church into a oneness. The mystery of the Church was first revealed to Paul. "For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of 'The Dispensation of the Grace of God' which is given me to you-ward; how that by revelation He made known unto me. The mystery... which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles shall be fellow heirs of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel... according to the eternal purpose which he purposes in Christ Jesus our Lord," Eph. 3:1-11.

From this we see that the Church was unknown to the Old Testament patriarchs and prophets. That the Gentiles were to be saved is no mystery, Rom. 9:24-30. The mystery was that God was going to form an entirely new thing composed of Jew and Gentile, to be called the Church. The word "Church" comes from a Greek word "ecclesia," which means a congregation of called-out ones. We have the first mention of the church in Matt. 16:17, 18. Jesus doctrinized the Church by telling the people in Matt. 18:15-19 how to deal with an offended brother, and plainly tells them "if they neglect to hear thee then tell it to the church." This certainly has reference to a body that has the right to execute laws and to put into force government. Acts of the Apostles, 15th chapter, gives an account of the first dispute, concerning circumcision, which was brought before James and those who seemed to be pillars at Jerusalem and finally submitted for the approval of the whole Church. This proves positively and beyond all shadow of a doubt that men can be dealt with by the Church and that its laws and rules were decided on and sent out from Headquarters, for the Word plainly tells us that these decrees were sent unto all the churches. There are many other scriptures that prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that men were to be dealt with. In Rom. 16:17, 18 we are plainly told to mark men who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned. Here is a plain command to the Church at Rome to deal with such transgressions. In 1 Tim. 6:5 we have another admonition from Paul to withdraw ourselves from those who

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Editorials

Modernism

2 Tim. 4:3. "*The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.*" It is true that no one has the right to revise the Holy Writ. They must either accept it or reject it. Those who accept the Bible have no promise of eternal life without they live up to its teachings and precepts. Those who reject the Bible must believe that it is God's Word or it is not. The modernists are entirely out of harmony in their teaching. When they attempt to modernize and set aside the divine work of grace, wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost through the shed blood of Jesus, they are doing violence to the Scripture and have no right to teach and introduce to their congregations the thought of good morals and good society without accepting the work of grace in the heart. It is through the new birth that people become Christians and not by human effort.

THE WRONG TEACHING

It is stated from good authority that two-thirds of the educated leaders are now frank skeptics. It is one thing to reject religion altogether and quite another thing to try to save it by pumping out of it all its essential substances, leaving it in the position of a sort of science, comparable to graphology, education, or osteopathy. That seems to be what the modernists have done. They have tried to get rid of all the logical difficulties of religion and yet preserve a general, pious cast of mind. It is a vain attempt. What they have left, once they have achieved their imprudent scavenging, is hardly more than a row of hollow platitudes, merely an empty profession without any spirit to guide and to help. Congregations who accept such a theory and practice such things will certainly be left exposed to the onslaught of the devil with all of his raging fury.

Education is good but it will not save

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us. Religion and education go hand in hand and you can be more effective if you are trained, BUT when your education and training modernizes you until you accept and practice sin, folly and pleasure denounced by the Word of God, you certainly are unholy and God will frown upon you.

THE HOUSE OF FOOLS MUST FALL

Rev. 18:4. "*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.*"

Our text is taken from a passage of scripture that has its origin and setting in the last half of the tribulation week. Babylon has been rebuilt and the woman on the scarlet colored beast has given the man of sin her aid and now the frowns of God are upon her and she must fall. There is always an outpouring of evil and forerunners of false doctrine who sow seed of discord and unbelief before things can really come to pass. We see today the false teaching and the thousands of people who make a profession without possessing the love and truths of God and these are only forerunners of this fallen woman who will come to her end in the tribulation week. The words of our text will doubtless see some fulfillment for the apostasy sweeping over the ministers of this United States and other lands. All Christians must accept the doctrine of atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ and become new creatures in Christ Jesus by the new birth or they cannot be Christians. Thousands today are making bold to say there is no regeneration work going on in the human soul today. They are denying the old gospel that was the power of God unto salvation unto all who would believe. They are attempting to accept the sermon on the mount, saying, "It is good for society and those who practice it will be made better." But we want to say emphatically that no man can put into practice the sermon on the mount without first becoming the child of God by the new birth.

THE FULFILLER OF THE LAW

Here Jesus declares Himself the fulfil-

ler of the law and the prophets, Matt. 5:17; Isa. 53. Jesus here sets Himself up as the lawgiver of mankind and comes as a Redeemer of the world to fulfill all the law and offer to the world a real heart-felt salvation that will save men from their sins; Matt. 5:2-11; 5:27, 28, 31-34, 38, 39, 43, 44. Jesus is the only One who has the right to teach all men how to pray. He claims absolute authority over all who will come unto Him by faith and accept Him as their Savior. He sets Himself up as the Judge of all the world. He asserts the supremacy of His Word above all others, Matt. 6:9; Matt. 7:21, 22.

I NEVER KNEW YOU

Matt. 7:24-27. Jesus here makes plain that there will be some who will not accept the truth and whose hopes are built on a sandy foundation. In all probability the house looks good and the timber seems to be sound but the trouble is in the foundation. The modernist who accepts the sermon on the mount has bitten off more than he figures. Nothing can warrant such claims as made here by Jesus Christ but His absolute deity. The sermon on the mount asserts the heart of God's purpose in His Son coming into the world. From first to last He is presented as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. And those who accept Christ and His doctrine and teaching and whose hearts have been changed and whose lives have been cleansed and whose hearts have been filled with the Holy Ghost find their comfort and strength in Jesus Christ. Matt. 7:24, Therefore whosoever heareth these things of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock. These sayings are set before us. That perfect standard of conduct by which all men are required to follow, preach and teach. They can attain this only through the blessings offered by Jesus Christ through His Son on the cross. No man will ever be able to fully put into practice the sayings of Christ without accepting the works of grace in the heart. Christ and Him crucified is the foundation of all. No man will ever have power to obey His "principles" who tries to separate them from His person and mediatory work.

OVERSPREADING OF UNBELIEF

Of all the false doctrine that is wrecking and damning the Christian faith, in my judgment, is modernism. Communism, which, of course, is rank infidelity, is a flat denial of the authenticity of the Word of God. In other words, they deny there is any God. Modernism accepts the theory of a moral life, good society, leaving God out, which is absolutely impossible and it is the greatest deception that can be practiced.

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Our Fundamental Principles

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psa. 11:3.

"But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you," 1 Pet. 1:25.

In certain circles much is said of fundamentalism and modernism. There are certain teachings and principles that form a basis for all of God's operations among men. True fundamentalists stick closely to these teachings and principles, knowing that religious profession founded on anything else is of no certain value.

THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD

We accept the Bible as God's inspired Word, coming directly from Him. It sets forth His plan for the redemption of fallen man, giving the only principles upon which He works, and setting forth all that He requires of men. It is in itself a miracle of completeness, in that it covers minutely all the essentials, even to details, of the great redemption plan. The Bible rightly divided gives the true fundamentals for Christian life and living.

I. The Bible reveals God, the eternal One, the Creator and Preserver of all things. He is set forth as a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Creation is attributed to each, as also a part in the great redemption program. No such a picture of deity was ever conceived by man, it is entirely beyond His conception. Such is our great God, the God of the Bible.

II. The Bible sets forth the story of the creation, the only coherent description of that great event ever given.

III. The Bible gives an account of the fall of man, the only explanation of how evil came to be here. The effect and consequences of sin, also God's attitude to it are told. We thus have a reason given for institution of the great redemption scheme, without which there would be a missing link in the account of things.

Satan's part in the fall is stated, also the nature and extent of his activities on earth, and his final doom.

IV. The Bible sets forth the coming to earth of the Redeemer. The Bible might be aptly termed the "Book of Redemption."

1. Christ and His redemption work set forth in Old Testament types and shadows.

2. He is set forth by all the prophets.

3. His miraculous conception and vir-

gin birth foretold by the prophets and fulfilled to the letter.

4. His earthly life fulfilled the prophecies concerning His coming and earthly ministry.

5. In His arrest, trial, suffering, vicarious death and resurrection He fulfilled the scriptures and became the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world—He thus brought salvation in reach of all men.

6. Declaring Himself "the way, the truth, and the life," and "the resurrection;" faith in Him—which includes the acceptance of gospel terms—is set forth as the means of obtaining everlasting life.

7. He has ascended "into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1 Peter 3:22). In the end He shall return to earth. There shall be a resurrection, both of the just and unjust. All shall be judged. The righteous go away into eternal life, and the wicked "into eternal punishment." Sin with all its curse will be no more. There will be a new earth and new heavens, wherein dwelleth righteousness. The eternal ages will roll on.

Whatever may be the extent of the salvation provided by the Lord for man, that which delivers from the bitter bondage of sin, bestows the beautiful spirit of holiness, and gives a victorious life in the power of the Spirit while here on earth and giving preparation for the future; it is certain that it is based on these great truths of revelation. Thank God, the Word of the Lord abideth—these great fundamentals, the gospel—still stands, offering pardon, eternal life to all—whoever will, let him come. Amen.

Young People's Corner

The Vision and Call of Isaiah

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8. Read verses 1 to 8.

King Uziah had just died, after a prosperous reign of more than fifty years. The masses of the people were prosperous living in luxury and ease, with worldliness and sin abounding. Hence the need for a vigorous prophet, with definite message that the people might be brought to repentance. At such a time and in such a situation was Isaiah called in Jerusalem.

1. Notice first Isaiah's vision of God

(vv. 1-4). Such a vision could not fail to bring this young man to his senses. It is only in the light of heaven that men can see themselves and their need.

2. Isaiah said, "Woe is me! for I am undone, etc." (v. 5). Real confession always gets results. "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged" (vv. 5-7). Following such a vision, and such a transformation in this young man's life, we are prepared to read what follows.

3. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (v. 8.) God had a purpose or plan for Isaiah's life, and so he has for every one today.

4. Isaiah's answer: "Then said I, Here am I; send me" (v. 8). This answer was pleasing to God, and He is pleased today to have every one answer the call to salvation and Christian service. The readiness with which Isaiah answered this call in his youth resulted in his becoming one of the greatest of the prophets.

There are two windows to every truly spiritual life—the one is private prayer through which the light of heaven comes streaming in; the other is public worship, from which many a fine view of the celestial city can be obtained. Brethren, keep both these windows unshuttered and ever open.

Where is Mohammed? In the tomb. Where is Buddha? In the tomb. Where is Confucius? In the tomb. Where is Jesus? On the throne, at the right hand of God, calmly looking down upon the empty grave from which He arose. Jesus is not dead. He is alive, and is leading on His redeemed hosts to victory.

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The Dora district convention convened at the Church of God at Dora, Ala., March 19-21. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Our district pastor and state overseer were in charge on Saturday morning. We had talks by the different ministers who were present. The Lord surely did bless. It seemed like heaven was near. Saturday night Brother Z. D. Simpson brought the message. It was enjoyed by every one. Sunday morning our state overseer, Brother Dunn, brought the message, which the Lord blessed. We certainly appreciate our district and state overseers. Sunday afternoon we had the reports from the different pastors on the district. It seemed like every one put on new zeal to do more for the Lord. Sunday afternoon we took an offering for missions and got ten dollars. Seems like the mission spirit is taking hold of our people more than ever in Alabama. Pray for us that we will be loyal on everything that the church teaches.—Kyle K. Adams, pastor, Dora, Ala.

Y. P. E. and S. S. Dist. Conv'n.

I praise the Lord for the success of the Albany district Y. P. E. and S. S. convention which convened at Union Grove church. Service opened at 7:30 p. m. Friday night, Feb. 12 with songs and prayer. The Y. P. E. at Albany rendered the first program and it was just wonderful the way the Lord did bless. They have a well organized Y. P. E. and are doing a great work.

Saturday night the Y. P. E. at Union Grove gave an interesting program after which a collection of about eight dollars was taken for the roof of the state tabernacle.

All-day service Sunday was given to the Sunday Schools. Each Sunday School had a short program and there were several who made talks in behalf of the Sunday School work in general. Many good things were said and we were made to realize more the importance of Sunday School. We appreciate our state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent, Brother McCoy. He is working hard for the state of Georgia. Sister Hall was appointed district Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent.—Grayce J. Ball, reporter, Tifton, Ga.

Linden, Fla. Dist. Convention

Praise the Lord for the Linden district convention which convened at Linden, Fla., March 12-14. The Lord surely did bless and feed our souls. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, and Brother J. W. Shaw, district overseer, officiated. There was a good attendance. The most

honored and appreciated guest was the good Holy Ghost.

The convention opened Friday night with the devotional and a welcome address by Brother E. L. Newton, pastor of the Linden church. The response to the welcome address was given by Brother W. C. Howard of Dade City, Sister Lula Jones of Lacombe, and Sister Lucille Gresham of Bushnell. The sermon for the night was delivered by Brother J. W. Shaw. It was a timely message, especially to the Christians to awake them to a realization of their duties. His subject was the "Pauline Gospel," followed by an altar service.

The Saturday afternoon service was a ministers' conference with Brother Williams in charge. The girls' quartet from Lakeland was with us Saturday and rendered some good music. The Saturday night service was another good one. Brother Gresham, pastor of Bushnell, gave an address to the Y. P. E. and Brother Dan Fussell gave an address to the Sunday School. If you could have heard them, you would have really felt guilty if you are not attending and helping to forward these two auxiliaries of the church. The service closed with one of Sister Jones' fiery messages and an altar service.

Sunday was the best day of all. Everyone came with the intention of staying all day so there was no rush to close the services. Brother Newton was the first speaker, with the subject "How to Help Young People." He placed the largest responsibility upon the parent in helping young people. Next Brother B. W. Watson of LaBelle gave a talk on mission interests and then the mission offering was taken. Linden is one of the smaller districts, but praise the dear Lord, we were able to raise \$102.11 for missions. No one gave an extremely large amount but everyone seemed willing to bear his part of the burden, or blessing, I possibly should say. Our people are reading and realizing the benefits from the mission funds, therefore they are glad to give so that the heathen may learn of God.

Brother Williams preached at 11:00 a. m. on "A Fruitful Church." We each have our part to play in making the church a fruitful church. Dinner was served on the grounds and there was a bountiful supply of good things, but this was only one of the minor blessings of the day.

The churches reported Sunday afternoon and you may be sure none of them are dead. Stafford and Rock Hill, with Brother Revels as pastor, have their quotas all paid up and a fund started for a church building at Stafford. Bushnell

church is on fire and plan to move their church building into town soon. Lacombe has paid for their church building and have a large fund on their parsonage. The Leesburg church is endeavoring to finish the inside of their nice church building. The Linden church has built a new parsonage next to the church, using what material they could from the old parsonage. All of this is paid for. They have wired and equipped the church for electricity. Their Y. P. E. has painted the parsonage and the Dorcas Circle has put about \$125.00 worth of new furniture in the parsonage and have it almost paid for. They have pledged to the amount of the old church debt to be paid soon.

The Lord blessed in a greater way than ever at the very last of the service. Eloise Williams and Amelia Miller were asked to sing. The Lord blessed so they could hardly sing. The presence of the Lord was near, some laughed, some shouted, and some cried. Each Christian, I'm sure, felt the presence of the Lord. I am truly thankful that I was able to attend.—Mrs. E. L. Newton, Box 44, Linden, Fla.

Very Successful District Convention Held

The Greensboro and Mooresville, N. C. districts convention convened at the Mooresville Church of God March 26, 27. Those who were present can testify to the fact that a better convention is seldom witnessed, if at all. The manifestation of God's sacred presence was in each service and the splendid arrangement and success of each phase of it proved that God was smiling His approval on each effort put forth.

Services opened with songs and prayers. A welcome address by Brother J. C. Padgett, pastor of the local church, was given with response by Brother Eugene M. Bryant. The speaker of the evening was Brother D. B. Yow, pastor of the West Asheville church. His efforts were blessed by a good altar service for a deeper consecration of the saints, which no doubt went far toward making the convention a greater success.

The convention opened at nine-thirty Saturday morning with songs, prayers and shouts of victory, which were at frequent intervals throughout the morning session. Special music was rendered by the LeFevre trio of Kannapolis. Their singing proved an asset to the convention, we are certainly fortunate to have them in the state of North Carolina. Several speakers featured the morning session, the first being Brother John Stallings of High Point. Next was Brother Garland Grooms of Mt. Airy, thirdly was Brother W. M. Stallings of Greensboro. Brother

H. L. Whittington followed with a message. At the close of this message the district pastors, Brothers Wm. Stallings and J. C. Padgett, gave reports of the districts. All of these messages were very inspiring and were spoken from sincere hearts, accompanied by the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God. The afternoon service was given to the meeting of the ministers.

The evening service included the Young People's service beginning at five-thirty, which proved very successful. Brother Marvin E. Porter, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent of Virginia, spoke to us. The regular evening services continued with two main speakers, Brothers Collins of Statesville and Brother Miller of Concord, preceded by a little message by our beloved state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens. At the close of his message a mission offering was taken. We had a testimony by Brother Jones, who recently came into the Church.

To say merely that we had a good convention would be putting it too mild. It was extraordinary, accompanied by the very presence of the Lord Himself from the very beginning. Several of the Bible students were there who brought some of the fire of the good school term just closed and contributed much toward making the convention a greater success.

Last but not least we wish to pay a tribute of gratitude and respect to our beloved state overseer who has labored faithfully to make the work a success, and we feel sure God will reward him not only in this life with a compensation of lasting friendship, accomplishments of success, and a name that will be long remembered, but in the life to come a rich reward.—A delegate of the convention, Harry Hatcher, 56 Edna St., Reidsville, N. C.

Meadville District Convention

The Meadville district convention met at Byrd's Chapel, Mar. 12-14. Service began Friday night with songs and prayers. Welcome address by the pastor and Brother Porter, Baptist minister. Response by Brother Kimbrough, Brother Anderson and me. By this time the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were there to bless. My, how welcome we felt. A message was given by our beloved state overseer, Brother M. J. Headley on "The Need of a Convention."

Saturday morning service began with songs, then an old-time praise and prayer meeting was conducted by Sister Scruggs. The presence of God was there so great you could see the saints quaking and shaking under the mighty power all over the house. It was wonderful. A message by

Brother Jim Evans on "Prevailing Prayer," was followed by a message on "Co-operation" by Brother Scruggs. God blessed each speaker. These messages were wonderful. Saturday afternoon there were songs and prayer, then a message by Brother Hammack on "Christian Duty" followed by another message on "The Need of Missions" by the writer. An offering was taken for missions amounting to \$12.50. Saturday evening, after songs and prayer, a message was delivered by Brother A. J. Gardner, "Behold Your King." God surely did bless this message. An altar call was given and a number came to the altar. The Lord surely blessed throughout the day.

Sunday morning, after songs and prayer we had a talk on Sunday School by Brother Gardner, S. S. Supt. Then came a message by Brother Roy E. Blackwood, "How to Have a Progressive Church." I think each pastor present felt his duty as a pastor after this. God honored this message. Sunday afternoon after songs and prayer, each local church on the district reported. Each church was one hundred per cent on mission, aged ministers' and headquarter's funds. A message followed by Brother Kimbrough on "Obedience." Sunday evening an evangelistic message was given by the writer, "Do We Need the Holy Ghost?" after which an altar call was given and a number came for prayer. God was there to bless in a wonderful way. Several were under the power, some shouting and praising God. This was my third convention to attend, but I believe this was the best. There was fifty-two dollars and fifty cents solicited on the state headquarters. We praise God for this convention.—Your unworthy sister, Mrs. F. W. Alexander, Rt. 1, McComb, Miss.

McDowell, W. Va. District Convention

The McDowell, W. Va. district convention convened at Wilcoe, W. Va. March 12-14 inclusive. Such a convention, how God did bless from beginning to end! The convention was opened by our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, Friday night at 7:00 with prayer by the congregation, and how we did feel God's presence. Brother E. R. Clower, local pastor, gave the welcome address. Response was given by Sister G. G. Williams, Martin Parks, Estell Dash, Burgess Thomas and Pearl Johnson. We had some special singing and an offering was taken for the expense of convention. The sermon "Sanctification, How Obtained" by O. W. Thomas, pastor of Elbert, was followed by altar service and benediction.

Saturday evening service opened with concert prayer, congregational and spe-

cial singing. An offering was taken for the state overseer after which a sermon, "Do All Speak with Tongues" was given by Martin Parks, pastor of Roderfield church, followed by one on "Who are We? Why? By What Means?" by Brother G. G. Williams, pastor at War and Hartwell. Such sermons, and the thoughts were brought out so plainly and were interesting and the power of God was manifested. We then had altar service and benediction.

Sunday morning service started at 9:00 o'clock. Sunday School interests under state and district overseers, T. F. Blackwell and Alton McNeil, were given. A good talk was made by Brother Joe Smith on "How to Maintain and Build a Sunday School." Brother A. J. Cox, a visiting minister, spoke on "Boosting the Sunday School." An offering was taken for the orphans in the amount of \$10.26. Brother Clark spoke in behalf of the camp ground and then gave a message to the ministers, after which an offering was taken for the state camp ground in the amount of \$50.34. We were then dismissed for a feast of the natural food. At 1:30 p. m. the Young People's Endeavor was represented from over the district. Such fine programs, they just couldn't be beat. The programs were mostly on missions, then followed a mission offering of \$10.13. The call of the churches followed with good reports from all and we were glad of the new Church of God we have on our district, which is Roderfield. We hope to have more by the Assembly. Brother T. F. Blackwell gave a real inspiring talk as time was limited for a message. Brother E. C. Clark made a few closing remarks.

It surely made us sad when the time drew nigh to have to depart from the house of God where God was really blessing, but we truly can say we are glad we attended every service and wish there had been more. We feel all who attended were blessed and all who didn't get here missed something that would have done them good. We truly thank God for the success of the convention, His goodness, presence and approval through this convention, which was attended by a large delegation from over the district.

We were surely glad to have our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, with us in the convention. The people of West Virginia are proud of our state overseer and the good work he is doing in the state. We are glad we can boast of a state overseer who stands foursquare for the Church of God and her teachings. He is on the job almost night and day, spending and being spent for The Church of God. His messages are divinely inspired

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Reports

Harlan, Ky. Church Blessed of the Lord

HARLAN, Ky.—Our revival which began March 1 and continued for three weeks was a real success. Brother C. M. Dunn of Middlesboro, Ky. did the preaching and Dorothy Dunn was in charge of the music and singing. There were thirteen who claimed to have gotten saved, some sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirteen were added to the church. Brother Dunn's preaching was much enjoyed and Sister Dorothy's service in singing specials and her good service at the piano and in the altar work was much appreciated. The folks who prayed through were mostly adults and a goodly number of them, I believe, will go through.

The Harlan church is coming to the front. We have a fine Sunday School and Y. P. E. I know of none better. Our Willing Workers' Band is going fine. They seem to have a mind to work. In fact, every department of the Harlan church is coming to the front. Our Thursday night prayer meetings are surely fine, also our Saturday and Sunday night services. Last Sunday night the Lord came on the scene, the power fell and one man was saved.

Pray for us in Harlan that God will continue to bless. Our next revival is to begin the second Sunday in May with Sister Cross of Cleveland, Tenn. doing the preaching. We are looking forward to this date and believe this will be a great revival.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 45.

A Church of God in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Near the first of March Brother and Sister Wood, state overseer of the Church of God in Oklahoma, came to our city and rented a room. After visiting around a few days and preaching here and there a few nights, he rented and seated a building and started a revival. Results so far are as follows: We have a Church of God in our city with thirty members.

A district convention convened with us this past week-end with glorious success. We had several visitors with us other than this district, coming from a distance of from one to two hundred miles. We had visitors from Oilton, Perry, Drumright, Ada, Ardmore, Anadarko, and Mobeetie, Texas. We also had with us Saturday afternoon Brother McDonald, pastor of Capitol Hill Faith Tabernacle, and Brother Partin, pastor of Faith Tabernacle at Chickasha. After

Brother Wood brought a message he invited these two brethren to speak, and judging from each of their talks, also from their spiritual response to the message, they were very favorably impressed with it all.

Oh say, we had a wonderful feast from heaven and it is not over yet. The convention, of course, closed Sunday afternoon at 4:30 but in the following service Sunday evening at 7:45 the Holy Spirit came down in a most gracious way, and three grown men and one young lady rushed to the altar without a song or encouragement. One man, a backslider, was graciously reclaimed. Another was gloriously sanctified, the other and his daughter were both wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Another testimony service followed which was also followed by three uniting with the Church, the man and daughter and the man's wife. And the revival still continues. Our location is 1622 N. E. 9th Street, Oklahoma City, three blocks west of the fair grounds, one block north of fair grounds car line.—Gertrude Kindel, clerk, 114 1-2 N. E. 11th St.

Church of God in New Orleans, La. Growing

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Dear Evangel readers, we are happy to send in a report from New Orleans. A little over a year ago Brother Robert E. Blackwood, state overseer came here and set in order a Church of God. We have a wonderful man of God for our pastor, Brother Albert Ruiz.

Brother Ruiz used to be a Catholic. About fifteen years ago he heard Brother L. B. Hicks of Los Angeles, Calif. preach and give the light on the gospel. He thought his religion was right, so he began to ask God about this holiness way. He went alone out into the Louisiana marsh and there prayed and fasted and asked God if those holiness people were right to show him. Out there alone God wonderfully saved him and called him to preach the gospel. He's a good shepherd and we love him and his good wife. He's interested in our souls and feeds us with the true Word of God.

There was no Church of God in this city, so for ten or eleven years Brother Ruiz had license with the Assembly, thinking theirs was the same as the Church of God teaching. During this time he preached the Church of God doctrine. When our state overseer came over and showed him more light on the Church of God then he went in with the Church of God. All his members except two went with him. After the rules were read one would not give up his wine, the other would not give up her jewelry. We are all proud to be in

the Church of God after learning the teaching and the rules.

We have twenty-three members. Eleven others have been saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We hope to receive these into the church soon.

Our state overseer's wife, Sister Blackwood, talked to us about organizing a Willing Workers' Band, which we did. We made and sold five-cent pies and with the money we have painted the outside of our church, stained the benches and bought runners for the floor.

We have opened two missions in different sections of the city, in the homes of two of our good sisters. We are going to launch a big tent revival soon. We have a big, new tent and want all to pray earnestly for this tent revival that God will move upon the hearts of people in this great city. This is a wicked, corrupt city, steeped in sin, vice, and gambling, with open saloons. Liquor is sold here in every drug store, restaurant and most all of the grocery stores. New Orleans is mostly made up of Catholic people. They have honest hearts. We want to try to get the Bible truth to them.

Our pastor is not a well man, he suffers with his heart, also a nervous trouble. Please pray till you reach the throne of God for his complete healing. Many times he isn't able to preach to us, we can't give him up, so please pray earnestly for his healing so he will be strong and able to work in the tent revival that he's starting real soon. And pray for the revival, this is a hard place. People here don't seem to want the Word of God but if you all pray with us we know there's nothing too hard for God. We want to work while it is still day, for soon Jesus is coming back to earth.—Mrs. H. E. McMurray, clerk, 1026 Music St.

New Church Dedicated

On Easter Sunday, March 28, we all met at Erwin Hill for the purpose of dedicating the building. Our state overseer, Brother Jernigan, Brother Boehmer, and all the preachers on the district were present. Brother Boehmer brought the message at eleven o'clock on the "Resurrection", a good deep, soul-stirring message that made us realize our Lord was alive forevermore.

At noon we spread dinner and after all had eaten it was like the loaves and fishes, we had plenty to gather up. The Lord was in everything. We went into service again at one-thirty with music and singing. The names of all who had donated to the worthy cause were read out by the clerk. Brother Jernigan brought the message in the afternoon of how Solomon dedicated the temple to the Lord, telling how all must be in peace

and harmony in order for God to undertake and help. Every one drank in the good message. Brother Dewey Adams spoke on "Appreciation of the New Church" to the people for being so liberal in giving. Our dearly beloved pastor, Brother Gordon Mize, just melted away in tears of joy for the new building he had prayed and worked so faithfully for. We sisters surprised him and his wife with a little Easter present. We made a quilt and embroidered the membership names on the squares, also friends, who paid the church \$9.30 at ten cents a name. Our building is a rock building 32x50 and is nearly completed and free of debt. Oh praise the Lord. Erwin Hill people are on fire for God and in the battle to stay until Jesus comes.—Mrs. Myrtle Frix, Calhoun, Ga.

We Have Been Revived

FITZGERALD, Ga.—Greeting in Jesus' name. We praise God for Jesus and our church at Fitzgerald. We report victory over the devil. We also thank God for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister J. A. Hipps. Surely God sent them to Fitzgerald. We were all spiritually dead and had been for a number of years, but thank God, we are enjoying the good blessings of Jesus again. We have better unity and fellowship.

We had a wonderful revival. Ten were saved, fifteen received the Holy Ghost, eight came into the church. It seemed like an old-time holiness revival with old-time confessing and shouting. We have a splendid Y. P. E. here and our Sunday School is growing.

We ask everyone to pray for us. We haven't long to work for Jesus so let's all be about our Father's business. Pray much for our work.—Mrs. Leona Sangster.

Praise God For it All

VINEMONT, Ala.—Dear saints, I truly praise God this morning for real, old-time salvation, a salvation that you can really feel. I am so glad to report that the blessed Savior who was crucified on the hill of Golgotha shed not His blood in vain for me.

I really praise God for the Church of God at Jones Chapel and for our dear pastor, W. G. Pearson, and his family. He surely is a man of God, a real shepherd to his flock and has the work on his heart. We thank God for sending him here, for we feel that through his prayers and work our church has been built up. It was at a low point when he came, but, thank God, the dark clouds have passed.

Our sisters organized a Willing Workers' Band and went to work. They have

money made up to light the church and with some help from the brothers have enough to paint the church and still have money left in the treasury. We are doing business for God. We have just finished ceiling our church and are putting new benches in it. We praise God for all of it.

We are also receiving some wonderful blessings from God in our services. We have a good Sunday School and Endeavor and have preaching every Saturday and Sunday night. We have three young men called into the ministry from our church, so we have plenty of preaching. We are praying God's blessings on the young ministers that they will stand firm on God's Word and declare the whole Word of God.

We covet your prayers that our church will continue to grow in the Lord.—Your humble brother, Mitchell C. Lee, Route 3.

Praise God for What Was Accomplished

GLEN MORRISON, W. Va.—A revival has just closed at the Glen Fork Church of God with twelve souls saved, three sanctified, and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly encouraged. Brother C. M. Keys of Wilbur, W. Va. was in charge. Sister Beatrice Dorton had served the Lord and prayed for her companion for twenty-four years and it seemed that he just became more wicked until he came in contact with Brother Keys. Praise God. He's saved and four of his daughters too. We really praise God for all that was accomplished.

It seemed for a while we were forsaken by all the ministry except our state and district overseers. They visit us as often as possible. Brother S. N. Adkinson is our pastor, we appreciate him. We had not had a revival since April, 1936, when Brother H. H. Hungate conducted a revival for us in which nine souls were saved. We are praying that God will send us a pastor next year who can live here. We are so far from any minister, we need one with us to visit and pray with the sick, to encourage the discouraged and sometimes preach a funeral. We are about forty miles from a minister who we could be sure of if we ever needed one. There are others nearer but they work in the coal mines. Please, dear saints, pray with us for some one to come here next Assembly year to live and pastor. We have a little church of real established men and women who live true and are willing to co-operate with the pastor. Pray much for us.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lelia A. Thompson.

LOVE FOR EACH OTHER

MATTIE POPE MURRAY

I have been thinking for sometime that I would try to write something on this great subject. Love is a wonderful thing in its place. 1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love. What we stand so much in need of is love one for another. If we have the love of God implanted in our hearts as we should, it will work wonders in our life. It will cause us to love the unlovable. It will cause us to suffer. It will cause us to endure things that look impossible for us to endure.

When some one speaks evil of us, we should be able to bear it by the love of God in our hearts. Read 1 John 4:11. The love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost will keep us from having respect of persons, which James tells us is sin. It will keep us from speaking evil of our brothers and sisters. The love of God is very strong. It will draw us together and we will feel closer to our brothers and sisters in the Lord than those in the flesh. To have the love of God in our hearts is a wonderful thing. By having the love of God in our hearts one for another, we can convince all men that we are His disciples, John 13:35. Also read Heb. 13:1.

Praise God, it is wonderful if we have the holy love of God in our hearts. We wouldn't dare take up a reproach against our brothers and sisters and try to hurt their influence. We might term it or express ourself this way: We take our brothers and sisters in the flesh, they are very dear and precious to us. We couldn't afford to speak evil of them or take up a reproach against them and go about our other brothers and sisters and to our friends and neighbors and tell things that maybe have been in their lives in the past and hurt their influence. How can we have the love of God in our hearts and do that?

It is a terrible thing to say and repeat things we know that would hurt their influence. So how much more precious are our brother and sister in the Lord? How could we afford to hurt their influence?

May God help us to get enough of the real love of God in our hearts that it will cause us to bridle our tongues and speak evil of no man. That includes our brother and sister. I hope that as each of us read this it will cause us to love and pray for each other and not try to hurt or cause someone's heart to bleed. I believe it will take this great love of God thrilling and surging through us to be ready to go when Jesus comes.

One who sows discord among brethren certainly does not love harmony.

DISPENSATION OF GRACE

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are ungodly, whose minds are destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness. In 1 Cor. 5:4-7 Paul is telling them to put away from them the person who has transgressed the law of purity that the Church might be purged from the old leaven. In Jude 3, 4 Paul is speaking of some who had crept in or had been received without knowing their spiritual condition. It seems that by their sinful lives they had been ordained under condemnation and turned the grace of God into lasciviousness.

THE SEVEN CHURCH STAGES

Ephesus

Rev. 2:1-7. The first of these church stages is Ephesus. They left their first love, which is very displeasing to God. Jesus gave the description of these churches to John on the Isle of Patmos and he gave the general state of these churches at the writing. There were more churches in Asia Minor than seven. Jesus takes these seven churches to explain the conditions that would exist and the doctrines that would be taught from the crucifixion until the rapture. We will explain the different stages and the doctrines as we proceed.

In Matt. 13 we have seven parables and I don't know of any scripture in the Bible that is so grossly misunderstood. The scripture plainly tells us that the field here mentioned is the world. While the first parable, Matt. 13:1-23, applies to the enemy sowing the seed in the hearts of those who receive the Word, and they at once forget the blessings and turn to the world. At the same time this has a more direct application to false doctrine in the Church. Ephesus had left her first love.

Smyrna

Rev. 2:8-11. In this stage persecution began by Judaizing teachers who wanted them to return to the works of the law. The parable in Matt. 13:24-30 reveals the fact that the grace age is an agricultural age and is for the purpose of getting the wheat, the true church, from among the tares, false organizations. Jesus explains this to His disciples, V. 36-43.

Pergamos

Rev. 2:12-17. This is a licentious stage when the Church and state united under Constantine and the doctrine of Balaam was introduced into the Church. Here we find the enemy sowing tares in the field.

Thyatira

Rev. 2:18-29. This is called a lax church stage, churches charged with promoting the doctrine of Jezebel. The Church introduced its many heathen

practices and caused many of the true saints to be put to death because they would not agree to such false teachings.

Sardis

Rev. 3:1-6. Here the Church has a form of godliness but it denies the power, it had a name but was dead. At the end of this church stage reformation began with Luther, Knox, Savonarola and the Wesleys. The people were not allowed to have Bibles but the priests would read the Word to them and many apostate doctrines were taught in this stage. At the close of this stage we have the coming back of the true doctrine of the Church of God. It is said that Martin Luther prayed until he rose from his knees preaching, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philadelphia

Rev. 3:7-13. This is called a favored church. During this stage came the return of the Pentecostal blessing that was given to the early Church, Acts 2: 2, 4. This is called the stage of brotherly love and in reading my previous article on the *Time of the Rapture*, you will see that I made it plain that the rapture would take place near the end of the Philadelphia stage.

Laodicea

Rev. 3:14-22. This is called the lukewarm stage and it is believed by many theologians that it represents the overrunning of false doctrines and denying the power, and that this church represents the second crowd of witnesses during the tribulation period. We don't find the Church mentioned in the Bible on earth any more after the third chapter of Revelation.

THE SEVEN PARABLES

Matt. 13. The seven parables in Matt. 13 correspond to the false doctrines and the working of the enemy during the seven church stages. There is no difference in the soil, the soil is equally good all the way through. The trouble is the lack of cultivation. The enemy sowed the tares in the wheat and Jesus told them to let them grow together. This doesn't mean to keep sinners in the Church, but this has a broader meaning. It refers to organized churches that teach false doctrines and deny the power of God. He says the angels of God will separate them at the end or at the coming of Jesus. We haven't space to explain all these parables, but in the main they refer to organizations and false doctrines and also the true Church with its principles and teachings that correspond to the Word of God and those who are led by His Spirit.

Jesus is to have a true Church and one

that is perfected by the teachings of the prophets and pastors, Eph. 4. We believe there will be a remnant left in the world who professes righteousness who will not be ready to go when Jesus comes. There are three crowds that will witness during the tribulation week for righteousness and true holiness. The first crowd is the five foolish virgins who came back and knocked after they had received the oil. The next crowd is the Laodicean church that hid herself in the wilderness, which means the people, and when the Antichrist comes to place his mark on the people with the aid of the false prophet, Rev. 13:11-18, they will take their stand for truth and give their lives for the gospel. The next crowd is the 144,000 found in Revelation 7:4-8 and these are all Jews. Everyone that professes the name of God will be killed in the last three and one-half years of the tribulation period, with the exception of the 144,000 sealed and kept by God.

The standard for this church stage is holiness. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years," Rev. 20:6.

STATE CONVENTIONS

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North Carolina (Charlotte)	May 12-15
Alabama	May 6-9
Indiana (Shelburn)	May 20-23
Ohio	May 28-31
Florida (Wimauma)	Camp Meeting June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.
Tennessee	June 11-13
Virginia (during camp meeting)	June 16-17.
West Virginia	June 18-20
Michigan	June 25-27
Pennsylvania (Somerset)	June 30-July 4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada,	camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.
Kentucky (Somerset)	Aug. 20-22
Missouri	Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton)	New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-5.
New York	Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia	Sept. 9
Oklahoma	July 9-11
Mississippi	July 16-18
Arkansas	Aug. 13-15
Montana (Bigtimber)	June 17-20
Iowa and Nebraska	July 13-15
Kansas	July 16-18
Illinois	July 20-22
Maryland	July 23-25
Georgia (Macon)	July 27-29
Louisiana	July 30-Aug. 1
Texas (Weatherford)	Aug. 5-8

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

LETTER FROM INDIA

Chengannur P. O., Travancore,
South India, March 11, 1937.

Beloved Co-laborers:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh."

Praise God for more answers to prayer and for a continuous revival. On Feb. 28th, fourteen more followed the Lord in baptism at Anyalathanam out-station. We are much encouraged by a letter received from K. C. Aleya, one of our Bible School students. We have written before about how she and Mary came to Bible School at Mt. Zion. Both have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are being used in women's meetings and in Sunday School work. Mary Sebastian is another Bible School student, one who was saved and thus kept from going to a Roman Catholic nunnery but came to us instead about a year ago. Her younger sister has been called of God to His service and wants to enter Bible School this year. The Lord has been talking to her through visions. She has recently received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I write about these as they are mentioned in the letter from Aleya recently, from which we quote:

Puthupally, Feb. 26, 1937.

"God has given us three children from a Jacobite family. Wonderfully! Miraculously! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Our joy is indescribable. I want to tell you how God used three children, ages seven, twelve, and fourteen. When we first went from here to the Bible School at Mt. Zion, the oldest of these children, Thankamma, wanted to go with us. This desire became stronger, and although she got a good beating for wanting to go with us, her faith did not become weakened. These people are neighbors of Mary Sebastian and they used to hold prayer meetings in the latter's house. When they were praying like this they lately decided to fast and pray for a time. They invited both of us also and went with great joy. Not only Mary and I, but Mary's sister, Mary Sebastian's mother and her sister Grace, gathered together with these three children for prayer. The first day there was great power like rushing wind. Words cannot be found to describe what happened the second day. After prayer, they do not live in the world, but they dance and sing in the power of the Holy Ghost. They are amongst wolves in the form of Jacobites and heathen

"The children could not be made to go to sleep but they and Grace, in the Spirit, danced, sang, spoke in other tongues and acted out the passion of Jesus. This continued for over three hours. Oh what clear speech! What joy was manifested at these times! They spoke to their parents in tongues. On-lookers were awestricken. The parents were frightened. Some people told the father that it was the power of the devil and advised him to have the children examined by a doctor. Others said that it would be advisable to call a witchcraft doctor. But in spite of all this the children were not discouraged and got more than before. The father got very angry and forbade them to gather in Mary Sebastian's house any more.

"At this, they said they would pray just as well in their own house and yesterday they did so When the people heard the great noise, they gathered in the yard of this house, in mockery making noises like jackals and calling upon the name of the Lord. When the father heard all this, his anger knew no bounds, so he took a rattan cane and would have beaten Thankamma if her mother had not intervened. We tried to make the children lie down but they wouldn't, and danced around just like young deer, singing songs The teacher of the children who was a spectator, had spoken much against them at first, but he found that they were speaking in good Telegu (an Indian dialect) and he could understand what they were saying. He called them to him and they spoke to him in tongues, drew signs of the cross and pointed out the wounds in Jesus' side. The spectators were amazed. Thankamma came out and told her experience in a wonderful way. Because of all this, the people began to get burdened in their hearts and went away saying that nothing should be done to hinder these children from praying.

"We have never in our lives experienced such a wonderful time. The meetings are to go on for another ten days when we want to pray for the parents and the on-lookers. Please pray unitedly for this place that the Lord will speak to these people and also that He will strengthen the faith of these children in Him.

"K. C. Aleyamma."

May the Lord lead each one of you dear co-laborers to pray much for this work. Greetings in Him from us all.—

Your sister in the Master's glad service,
Bertha N. Cook.

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Testimonies from Y. P. E. at Kew Island, Jamaica, B. W. I.

KEW ISLAND, B. W. I.—Dear Evangel readers, I truly thank God for the privilege of working in the dear Church of God. Praise the Lord. The Comforter is yet abiding in the home of my soul. Thank God. I am now the president of our little Y. P. E. We have twenty-five members and are doing all the good we can for our soon coming King. Please pray for our little Y. P. E. that we will grow more in love, which is the bond of perfectness. Pray for us that our work will prosper and that God will give us more souls here.—A sister in Christ, Miss Vivian V. Rigby.

KEW ISLAND, B. W. I.—Dear readers, holy greetings to all. Perhaps you have been wondering what we are doing over here, but praise the Lord, we are trying to do all the good we can for the Lord. I am vice-president of our Y. P. E. Our Y. P. E. asks you to pray that we may grow brighter and brighter each day. Praise the Lord for saving grace and keeping power. I was saved six years ago and am still determined to stay on the battlefield for my Lord, because we know He is coming soon. I am praying for you over there that the Lord will bless you. Please pray for us.—A sister, Iona Beatrice Capron.

KEW TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—I thank the Lord for saving my soul from a miserable life of sin, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I need you over there to pray for me that God Almighty will lead me on, because my greatest desire is to go out and bring souls out of darkness into the light of God. I thank God for Brother Rigby and wife. I am over here helping them because I am a member of the good old Church of God. I need your help in prayer that God will lead me on.—A sister in Christ, Ethel M. Capron.

TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—Dear Church of God saints everywhere, I am glad I can report victory in my soul through the blood of Jesus, glad that I can say I am one who has been bought by the blood of the Son of God. I am happy that I can say I am a member of the Church of God. Thank God for our loving pastor, Elder A. W. Rigby, and his wife, Sister P. L. Rigby. They are compelling men and women to come that my Father's house may be filled. Praise His dear name. Oh, may this wonderful light be always shining in my soul

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Requests

Please pray earnestly for my little girl to be healed of whooping cough. Pray for me that I will be an overcomer.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

Please pray for this place that God will break down the opposing powers. I am trusting God that He will send some one here through whom He can work. Pray for me and my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Christ, Nancv Merrett, Reynolds, Ga.

Dear saints of God, please pray earnestly for me that I may be completely healed of stomach trouble. Also pray that I will draw nearer the Lord.—A sister, Mrs. Mae Kings, 403 Powder Springs St., Marietta, Ga.

Please pray for the revival here. We have with us Brother G. J. Jones as evangelist. Up to this time there have been eight saved and two sanctified. Pray that God will help us to work together and do His will.—Your brother, M. H. Lamb, Gen. Del., Thomasville, N. C.

We are in the midst of a great revival at Linden Church. Brother Burle Sumner and his wife are conducting the meeting. Souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is being stirred. Pray with us for the continued success of this good revival.—E. L. Newton, pastor, Linden, Fla.

Please pray for my daughter, she is seriously sick and is trusting the Lord to heal her.—Her mother, Mrs. Ethel Dodd, Barnardsville, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. Fast if you feel led of God. I have been sick for a long time. I don't know what is wrong with me but some people think it is my liver and I have stomach trouble and smother at night. I am trusting God. I also have an unspoken request which I want everyone to remember in prayer. Pray for the church at Cawood that God will bless.—Your sister in Christ, Lillie Mae Murray, Cawood, Ky.

Please pray for our sister, Mrs. Ethel Alderman. She was hurt and is seriously ill. The doctors aren't able to treat her because of the severe pain and soreness and for fear of breaking her hip. The X-ray picture showed a crushed membrane of the hip bone. She is suffering

much so earnestly pray that God will undertake. She can't stand much more, her body is so weak and tired. God is able to set that hip and make her well and strong. Please get this sister on your hearts. Pray for me that I will be found faithful.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. T. J. Durrance, Waverly, Fla.

I thank God for touching my body. I want you to keep praying that God will completely heal me if it is His will. If not, pray that I will stand true to Him. I don't get to go to church as it is so far and we are not able to buy gas. Pray for my family and loved ones who are out in sin, also pray for a family who lives near us and for a sister-in-law that God will heal her and give her the Holy Ghost.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. D. H. Skinner, Rt. 1, Lithonia, Ga.

I have a little girl who has kidney trouble and ask that you earnestly pray for her healing. Pray that I will stand true to the Lord.—A sister, Mrs. Lewis Arrowood, Little, Ky.

Please remember us here at New Martinsville in prayer. We haven't had a Church of God here for sometime but we feel lost with no church. We have been having meeting about six weeks with Brother W. C. Edgell, evangelist, with us once a week. It surely is taking prayer and much labor here. We mean to be faithful till the battle is won. Please join us in our prayers that God will give us The Church of God again in New Martinsville.—A sister in Christ, Gladys Chapman, New Martinsville, W. Va.

Please pray for me to live close to Jesus as we have moved here in Maryland where there are not many Church of God people. I am trusting God to open a way here in Maryland for the truth to be preached.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Virgie Harris, Rt. 2, Box 139a, Bel Air, Md.

Dear Evangel family, my husband has catarrh and sinus trouble in his nose and right side of his face again, so pray that the Lord will heal him. Pray for a little boy, he is sick. Also pray for his daddy to be healed of his diseases. Pray for me to be healed of rheumatism and all my diseases and that I will have a happy home. I have many friends and loved ones in sin so pray that they will all be saved.—Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Please pray for my husband, he has heart trouble. Pray that some one will come here and preach the Word. There is everything here but the Church of

God.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Willie Brewer, R. F. D. 1, Boaz, Ky.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for an unspoken request which God knows all about. If Edith Watson of Meadville, Miss. sees this, please write me. Pray for the revival now in progress at this place.—Dovie Coats, Forrest City, Ark.

Dear saints, I need help in prayer. I am seeking the Holy Ghost and it seems I can't get very far.—A. B. Reed, Gen. Del., St. Cloud, Fla.

Please pray for the healing of my body, I am in bad health.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. B. P. Smith, Hargis, Ky.

Dear saints, I am still living through God's mercy and love. I was at the hospital sometime ago with abscesses of the stomach. My daughter sent for prayer and the Lord healed my body. My nerves are bad now so pray for me.—Mrs. Katie Berryhill, Rt. 2, Lincolnton, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray for God to heal me of asthma. I am fully trusting God. Please fast and pray in behalf of my healing, I will surely appreciate it. Pray that the Lord will fill me with the Holy Ghost. God healed me of rheumatism three years ago. I couldn't walk a step without crutches but when the saints came in and prayed the prayer of faith I sent the crutches back where I got them and have never needed them since. If you feel led please send me an anointed handkerchief. Remember my children in your prayer. I am a widow with five boys and one little girl. My oldest son is afflicted with asthma, so pray that God will heal his body and refill him with the Holy Ghost and that we will all be faithful. Encouraging letters would be appreciated.—From one who loves the Lord, Mrs. Lena Smithpeters, Rt. 1, Box 88, Okolona, Ark.

I listen to the program from the Church of God in Greenville, S. C. and enjoy it so much. I have one of your papers and it is filled with worthwhile reading. I want you people to pray for me and my mother that we may live at all times near the cross. I would like for you to join me in praying for the healing of my body.—W. E. Maddox, Arcadia, S. C.

Last week my mother was seriously ill, but when Brother Archie Cross came and prayed for her she was healed. She is yet weak but getting stronger in body and soul. Pray for us to keep close to God and do just what He has for us to do.—John Page, Rt. 2, Bitely, Mich.

Pray a special prayer for my eye. I lost one of my eyes when a child and the other is failing. There is a precious sister in our community who has cancer of the stomach and unless the Lord undertakes she will pass on to be with Jesus. She has the Holy Ghost. Ask the Lord to give us a revival. If any one wishes to send us an anointed handkerchief, obey the Lord and He will give us victory.—Mrs. Dora Gipson, Marion, Tenn.

We earnestly plead with you to stop long enough to pray for our revival which will begin Sunday, May 2.—Waldron Asher, pastor, Cawood, Ky.

Pray for my hands to be healed. I suffer with something like eczema. I am a widow and need to use them, but it is very painful to put them in water. I have salvation and desire to trust the Lord. Also pray for my hearing. I can hear some, but can't understand distinctly.—Neffie Lilley, R. F. D. 3, Washington, N. C.

Please pray for my brother and his twelve-year-old daughter to be healed. They are very low with pneumonia. Pray for me and my husband to be true to Jesus and bear our cross with humbleness. We love our pastor, Brother C. M. Phillips, and his sweet wife. Pray for the church at Williston that it will go over the top for Jesus. Pray for us to be able to raise our little nine-year-old girl and five-year-old son to be true to Jesus.—Pearlie McIntyre, Williston, Fla.

Pray for the work at Hill's Chapel and Decatur as they are in a revival. Pray for Sister Murray, her health is not good now, also pray for me and an unspoken request.—Hattie Hubbard, Rt. 1, Falkville, Ala.

Pray for our tent revival at Nashville, Ga. with the writer and J. A. Hipps in charge.—Marion Harper, Gen. Del., Nashville, Ga.

We have pitched a battle against the devil here at Cub Creek at Bakersville and want the saints to pray that God will give us the victory. Brother S. M. Stamey is in charge.—Mae King, Bakersville, N. C.

Please fast and pray for Early Sims, thirteen years of age. He is very badly afflicted with some kind of nerve trouble.—Mrs. Henry Sims, Sherwood, Tenn.

Pray for me to be healed of rheumatism. I also have an unspoken request. Pray for my unsaved children that they will be saved, also pray that I will have a closer walk with the Lord. Pray that

my son will get work soon.—Etter Springer, 379 Graham St., Paris, Texas.

Pray for the healing of my body and for my father to yield to the Lord before it is too late. I also have other requests.—Mamie McGuire, Gastonia, N. C.

I am here in a revival which started Sunday night, April 11. Four have been saved and many are seeking more of God. Please pray for our success and for a new church building.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saints, please look up and breathe a sincere prayer for the healing of my husband's body. He was hurt in the mines seventeen months ago and is in a serious condition, also my daughter who has just got saved and sanctified has had the flu and is losing her hearing and I want you to pray for her too.—Mrs. G. P. Vaughn, 414 Ray St., Harlan, Ky.

I have a very special request for prayer. God knows our needs and I believe when you pray I will see results.—Mamie Robbins, 900 Kearns St., High Point, N. C.

Please pray for us at Okeechobee that God will give us an old-time revival. Also pray for some unsaved brothers and sisters and pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ollie H. Hunt, Okeechobee, Fla.

Please pray for God to heal my body of kidney and side trouble. I know God can heal.—Sister Carrie Hunt, Okeechobee, Fla.

Dear saints, please pray for God to save my loved ones who are out in sin. Also pray for me. I have had a hard battle. I also have an unspoken request that God knows all about.—A sister in Christ, Pauline Givans, Rt. 2, Box 30, Holly Grove, Ark.

I thank God for healing me of severe kidney trouble but I have malaria now so please pray for me. I am trusting God.—Your brother in Christ, Charles Wesley Keddall, Vance, Miss., Rt. 1.

Please pray a special prayer for me to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Martha E. Short, 533 Woodlawn Ave., Bristol, Tenn.

Please pray for my son, Cecil Britt, who was taken to the hospital April 12 for nervous condition which has affected his spine and mind. Pray for my three girls who are seeking the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. T. H. Reace, Rt. 1, Screven, Ga.

Death Notices

GIBBS

Sister Liza Ann Gibbs, eighty-six years old, departed this life April 12, 1937 at St. Charles, Va. She was a member of the church forty-five years. The funeral was conducted by Brothers Pate and B. H. Enix of Middlesboro, Ky. Interment was made in the Hensley cemetery.

WALLACE

Bonnie Lee Wallace of West Gastonia, N. C., died March 22, 1937 at the age of forty-six years, two months, and twelve days. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. She was loved and is greatly missed by her Sunday School teacher.—Adelia Johnson, W. Gastonia, N. C.

TOMPSON

Brother M. J. Thompson died Oct. 12, 1936 at the age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the Church of God at Hubball, W. Va. Brothers Henry Swanson and Albert Noel conducted the funeral and his body was laid to rest in the Thompson cemetery.—Dora Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

MILLER

Sister Carolina Miller, a faithful member of the Church of God at Hubball, W. Va., departed this life April 1, 1937. She was fifty-nine years old. The funeral was conducted by Brothers Henry Swanson and W. T. Black and interment was made in the Porter cemetery.—Mrs. Dora Ferrell.

WILLIAMS

Brother Roy Williams, age fifty years, died March 16, 1937. He was a true, loyal member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by Brothers I. H. Brabson and Teaster and his body laid to rest in the Cedar Hill cemetery.—Alice Craven, Greeneville, Tenn.

LINDLEY

On March 17, 1937, the death angel claimed my darling grandbaby, daughter of Raymond Lindley and wife. She was five months and twelve days old. Brother Robert Henderson conducted the funeral and the little body was laid to rest in the Manila cemetery, Manila, Ark.—Mrs. Willie Brewer, Boaz, Ky.

Nothing has ever been on the market that has so cheapened the most valuable thing offered by God to man, as cheap religion.

NOTICES

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thank the Lord for the interest being shown in the Sunday School. I wish it were possible for me to visit each school at least once before the Assembly but it seems it will be impossible for us to leave our work here in St. Louis since we are pastoring here. The Lord willing I want to attend all of our district conventions in behalf of the Sunday School. Please pray that God will help me do so.

In regard to our sacrifice offering, several of our folks here in the Cantwell district are taking this offering in behalf of the orphans. I am unable to say about the other districts as I haven't been able to visit them, but I trust they will take part in this great work. These offerings can be taken each week or once a month, however the pastor and superintendent think best. Also pastors and superintendents, be sure to urge your secretaries to be prompt in sending their reports as we must have them before the 10th in order to award the state banner. There are several of our people with whom I haven't been able to get in contact this year so I ask all who see this to please drop me a card. Please give me the name and address of your secretary and superintendent. — Yours for better Sunday Schools, R. E. Worley, state S. S. supt., 4240a Hunt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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As I have been appointed corresponding secretary of the Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark., this is to notify the members of this church who haven't been attending services to please report to me so we can get in touch with you. There are several members whose whereabouts we do not know. Please send in a report of your spiritual condition quarterly. — Mamie Pace, Tyronza, Ark., Rt. 2, Box 216.

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The Markleysburg district convention will convene at Markleysburg, May 14-16. Everybody welcome, come praying, expecting a great feast in the Lord. Brother C. H. Blankenship, state overseer, will be with us. — R. F. Koshewitz, district overseer, Box 54, Markleysburg, Pa.

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The little four-year-old girl's father has selected her a home out of the number of people who corresponded with me. We thank everyone for their interest. — S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher.

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North Carolina Missionary Day (answering the Macedonian call in new fields) is announced for the first Sunday in May. On this date we are asking for each pastor and evangelist, and even

those who may be able to lead a service, to have an appointment on this date, in some section where we have no church; in fact, as far as possible, in a sect on where they know nothing of the Church of God. We are asking for special prayers for this drive and for the fullest co-operation of our district brethren to see that each and every preacher on their respective districts make plans beforehand and have their announcements ahead, that sometime during the day they hold a service in a new field, accompanied, if possible, by a band of singers and music. Let's take our literature with us—a roll of Evangelists, tracts, etc., and let's let other sections and strangers in the state of North Carolina hear about the Church of God and the old-time gospel. And, too, we ask everybody to pray for us in North Carolina, especially on this date. Amen.—John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina.

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The Church of God at Starkey, Va., is planning to have a home coming May 2. We are having these services on this date for the purpose of giving every one who is interested in seeing a new church building at Starkey, the privilege to help us. Each member of this church is asked to bring or send at least \$1.00. Our state and district overseers are invited. Bring a well-filled basket. Help us pray that God will bless us with a new building and many souls this year.—Mrs. O. B. Garner, clerk, Starkey, Va.

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The Cobbtown, Ga. district convention will convene at Hillside church May 7-9, with Brother J. C. Jernigan in charge. Everybody welcome. Each church on the district is expected to be represented. Bring a well-filled basket.—E. D. Douglas, district pastor.

Conventions Attended

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faithful workers everywhere who are not only praying but working to send the gospel to the poor unfortunate ones throughout the world.

There were good talks given for Sunday School, the Bible School and also the Evangel and Orphanage. Brother Hilton Vail, B. T. S. graduate, the State Sunday School Superintendent, has a plan working to send a student from California to B. T. S. this fall. May God bless them. What plans have you for sending students?

Fourteen annual subscriptions to the Evangel were taken. Incidentally the only subscription prior to this convention, that was going to Nevada, was being sent to a minister who had been instrumental in the salvation of a wayward boy of Church of God parents in Texas, so as

a token of their heartfelt appreciation they are sending the Evangel to him, which was the only one until the convention. There are some prospects out in Nevada. The people from there pled so earnestly for workers to come their way Don't you feel you'd like to help them, at least pray for them?

I am writing this on my way east, on the plains through West Texas, during a dust storm (where there is not a tree in sight on a clear day).

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Arizona District Meeting

April 5-6

Sunday night after a good lengthy service at Long Beach, closing of convention, I answered some mail and did some other work, packing etc., lay down to rest about 1:30 a. m. and was called at five to go with Brother Sharp, his wife and party to Phoenix for service, 416 miles away. Believe it or not, we reached there in a little Willys sedan in less time than it takes the Sunset Limited to make the same trip.

We had a nice-sized congregation Monday evening and a good little service. The day service was not so well attended but we had a blessed time. The last night, as I was speaking, I was interrupted with the statement, "There is your train," and I said, "Good-bye, God bless you," and left the service and good people right there and rushed to catch the train. I am now speeding to the New Mexico, Colorado and Utah convention, where we are looking for the dear Lord to give us a wonderful time. I leave there Sunday afternoon, the 11th, in order to reach my appointment in Jacksonville Tuesday evening.

Do pray that God will continue to bless in all the conventions and that we all may work as though these are our last moments, and who knows but this year will be the last and instead of having an Assembly here on earth just have one long one in Glory? Praise the Dear Lord! I feel His presence now.

The Lord Can Do All Things

We want to sound a note of praise to God for His great healing power. He healed our little girl of flu and tonsillitis. She was sick nearly two weeks, but the Lord wonderfully came on the scene and healed her. Oh, thank God! We are here at Lubbock pastoring the church, trying to do our little bit for the Lord and desire your prayers that we will stay humble and do the will of the Lord and that the work will prosper and the Lord will give us a great harvest of souls.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Melton, Gen. Del., Lubbock, Texas.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

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and seasoned with years of experience.

We truly thank God for our district pastor and the good work he is doing on this district.

We believe, as many expressed it, this was the best district convention we have ever had. I am sure all returned home rejoicing and feeling like pressing on to the end.—Clerks of convention, Misses Gladis Johnson, War, W. Va., and Gladys Shatley, Wilcoe, W. Va.

Middletown, Ohio District Convention

Our district convention was conducted by our state overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips. I am sure I am speaking the sentiment of the huge congregations that it was one of the best district conventions ever attended. All the ministers were at their best and the different subjects assigned them seemed to be so fitting that we heard from the glory world each time. My, how the Lord did bless! The music and special singing directed by the writer and James McCoy was heavenly.

Saturday night there were so many out we had the basement packed to its capacity. The service was conducted by our little brother, Archie McWilliams, while going on upstairs was our Y. P. E. which was having a time, the service being conducted by our district superintendent, Brother Carl Hughes, also pastor at Hamilton, Ohio. We stayed until a late hour and then they wanted to stay on and sing and praise God.

I can't begin to tell the half of it even though space would be allowed, for it's better felt than told. Praise the Lord.

The second night a little sixteen-year-old boy evangelist, Theo Jones of Cincinnati, preached for us, and my, how the glory came down. By the way, this little brother is conducting a revival for us and many are praying through at each service.

Space will not permit me to give each speaker's name. The Lord was with us in great power each time we met.

I ask all of you to pray for us that we will do more for Him who is worthy of all the praise and glory.—William E. Raney, reporter.

Paris, Tex. Dist. Convention

The convention of the Paris district convened at the Church of God at Paris, March 26-28. Brother T. S. Payne, state overseer, and Brother W. M. Ford, district overseer, presided. Although the weather was unfavorable, a nice crowd came Friday night. The convention was opened by Brother Payne. The welcome address was given by Brother Brous, pas-

tor, and response by Sister Waters and Brother Anderson.

Saturday morning the service opened with concert prayer. After the singing short talks were given by Brothers Waters and Swint and Sister Waters. The service closed with remarks by Brother Payne. By Saturday night several visitors from other parts of the state, as well as others from the district, had come. After a good devotional service the Burnett sisters trio rendered some special singing. How the Lord blessed as they sang. We Texas people are glad to see them back again in the Lone Star state. A testimony service followed conducted by Brother Crow, during which praises and shouts rose to the Lord. Next Brother Henry gave a stirring talk on missions and a nice offering was taken for this needy cause. Brother Payne brought the evening message.

Sunday morning the Y. P. E. was given time for its service, which was under the direction of the writer. Brother and Sister Waters talked concerning the work of the Y. P. E. Following the Y. P. E. exercises a healing service was conducted. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Payne gave a financial report of the work in Texas.

After dinner was served the congregation assembled for the afternoon service. Brother Ernest Johnson, district Sunday School superintendent, gave an urgent plea for everyone to be a Sunday School booster. Then the reports of the churches followed with all the pastors present with good reports. After the church reports Sister Brous expressed her gratitude for the way in which the Lord is blessing the work. The convention closed with handshakes and good-byes.

The Paris church is blessed by having the convention here in our new church building. The Lord's approval on the series of services will encourage us to work and pray incessantly.—Edith Brous, secretary of convention, 371 Graham St., Paris, Tex.

Lifting Jesus Up

Yes, dear saints, as I lift Jesus up to a lost and dying world, we can see results of men and women being saved and filled with God's great power, and He will always draw all men if we obey God's Word. Bless His good name. The more I serve Him, the more I want to serve Him and obey His sweet, still voice. Yes, there have been twelve saved, twelve sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost at West Green, Ga. as we lifted Jesus up.

Dear ones, pray for me, and let's press on and live close to Jesus until we can hear the faintest whisper, for it won't be long now until we will hear the call, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out

to meet him. So let's be ready, for if we miss heaven we have missed it all. Pray for me and for my body and that I will keep in God's will on the battlefield.—Your humble sister, Mrs. D. L. Wing, West Green, Ga.

Feels Called of the Lord

ETHEL, W. Va.—I thank and praise God for victory over sin. Praise God for the sweet Holy Ghost that still abides in my soul. By some means God is calling us to His work. I feel sure He wants us to go. I can just think about going out and working for God and getting lost souls saved and I can feel the good power and the Holy Ghost will speak. There are only two of us, my husband and I.

It was a long time before we decided to sell out and give up our home but I got so restless. I am willing to sell what I have or if I can't sell it, I can place it away. Praise God, there will be a way made, for we find in Matt. 19:29 where He said He would give us an hundred-fold if we would forsake the world and follow Him. Then we find in St. John 10:11, 27 He said, I am the good Shepherd and my sheep know my voice and others they will not follow. Praise God forever. I ask all who read this to pray for us that we will obey the Lord.—Mrs. Nathan York.

Holy Ghost Precious to Me

Just a few lines of praise for Jesus, my truest friend. Oh how I love Him because He is so sweet and wonderful. On May 26 of this year I will have had the Holy Ghost two years and He is as sweet to me as when I received Him. So many times when my heart would be sad and burdened and my eyes full of tears then I would talk to Jesus and He would answer my prayers.

Dear sisters and brothers, please pray for my unsaved father and mother who are in sin. Oh, how it breaks my heart to think of poor lost father and mother out in sin and drifting far from that beautiful home. If they won't go, I want to make heaven my home anyway. Many times I have to pray for God to make the way for me to go to church. I am a member of the Church of God. I will be nineteen years old May 13 and feel like going on with Jesus. My home is so sad. I pray that God will fill my loved ones with the Holy Ghost before it is too late. I have always wanted a Christian home. I am the only one in my home who is serving God.

I praise God for healing Sister Floyd Rollins. I told God if He would heal her I would trust Him for the healing of my body the rest of my life. Praise God for answering my prayer. Pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Violet Roberson, Rt. 3, Box 19, Whitwell, Tenn.

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until He comes or sends me the call. Pray for me that I will be faithful.—A brother in the Lord, Walter Hall.

KEW TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for His Son Jesus who died on the cross for me. I am determined to stay in the Church of God. I got saved in a revival in December, 1936. I am thirteen years of age. I can't go to church as I should. I need your help. I am a member of the Y. P. E. Please pray for me that the Lord will bless me. We were all amazed at our Overseer's first trip to Jamaica, B. W. I.

Please pray for him and pray for our Y. P. E. that the Lord will make us bold to work for Him.—Miss Dimple Capron.

REVIVALS

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival with a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Six were saved and eight sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We had large crowds. We have a fine band of saints at Clarksburg. They all helped in the meeting and the Lord surely did bless them. It reminded me of old-time Pentecost. They were shouting and dancing in the Spirit almost every night. Sister Nettie Richards, evangelist, conducted these services. She has a heart full of love for all of God's people. People came in from different denominations. We are having a nice Sunday School. The last Sunday of the revival there were sixty-four in Sunday School. We also have a nice Y. P. E.; it is growing. The church here is getting along fine. Please pray for us here at Clarksburg, that our church will go over the top for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mae Bussy, clerk.

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KINGSPORT, Tenn.—We have just closed a good revival at Kingsport. The dear Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. It was a hard battle but the Lord came on the scene and gave the victory, for which we praise Him. Twenty-two were saved, eleven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. Pray for us here that the Lord will continue to bless.—I. H. Brabson and wife, Box 121.

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HAMPTON, Tenn.—We just closed a revival here April 1 with good results. Four were saved, five sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church with others to follow. The saints are encouraged and the community at large very much interested. The Sunday School has taken on new life. We are expecting greater things

this summer. Brother Charles Burkett and wife of Bristol, Tenn. did the preaching. They also rendered fine music and singing. Please pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Conley, pastor.

Defeated the Devil

I praise God this evening for His mercy and love to us. Oh glory, I'm glad for His healing power. I was so sick with the flu that everything I would eat would smother me until I could hardly live, but praise God, my husband and I began to call on God and He gave me some ease. The devil tried to make me believe that if I didn't have a doctor I wouldn't get well, but I said God has promised to heal us and I know He can.

I sent after some of the saints to pray for me. We called on Jesus, but it seemed that we couldn't get victory. The saints all left. I said, O Lord, is there something I need to do? If there is, I am willing to do it. I said get behind me, old Satan, for I am going to trust God. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell the people about it. Praise God He healed me. I can never praise Him for it all.

I desire your prayers for me and my family and the church at Booneville. Pray that God will give us a place to build a church to worship in.—Mrs. Clyde Peak, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

Healed of Cancer

WINOKUR, Ga.—I truly thank the Lord for what He is to me. I thank Him for His wonderful, healing power. I have been trusting the Lord with both soul and body now about four years and I am trusting Him right on. I know He is all in all to me. Praise His name forever more. I had a cancer on my nose and last Saturday morning as I started to get off the bed it fell off. Praise the Lord.

I have six boys and one girl and they are all out in sin. I ask the prayers of all you saints for me and my unsaved family that they will all be saved before it is too late. Pray for me that I will ever hold Jesus up to this lost and dying world and be a true soul winner for Him.—A sister in Christ, Rosey Crews, R. F. D., Box 38.

On the Way With Christ

STOUT, Ohio.—I praise the dear Lord for the sunshine that I have in my soul regardless of all the heartaches and sorrows that we have in this life. I praise God for His goodness to me. Almost fourteen years ago I started on the way with Christ and the way seems sweeter to me today than ever before. I am the only Church of God person here at this place. I have three little girls who are saved and desire the Holy Ghost. Please

pray for them. Also pray for my unsaved husband and son. Pray that God will send some one through here who will preach the true gospel.

It has been almost five years since I have been in a sacrament meeting. I feel so hungry in my soul to be in a sacrament service. The blessing that God always blessed my soul with after this kind of service lasted so long that it makes my soul hungry to be in one again.

I go to service here at this place but it does not satisfy my soul, for these people do not believe in speaking in tongues. Sometimes God just blesses my soul any how. I belong to the dear old Church of God at Delbarton, W. Va. I love the dear saints of God there and long to be with them again in service. The dear Lord blessed my soul one night not long ago here in a meeting. It seemed like I could almost feel myself go in at the upper door in our church at Delbarton and kneel in prayer at the altar, and how God did bless my soul for a little while. I don't know what the folks thought about me, neither did I care at that time.

Dear children of God, who have the privilege to be in service in the Church of God, be thankful and don't forget to pray for those who do not. I have had many hardships and heartaches in this life but it seems to me that staying out of service has been the hardest for me. Dear ones, please pray for me and mine. Pray that I will be healed of goitre.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mattie Stepp.

Blessing Wonderfully in Every Way

CULLMAN, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, praise God for saving, sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost and starting me to glory. Praise His sweet name. We attended the convention at Jones Chapel. It was well attended. Brother Dunn, our state overseer, brought some great, soul-stirring messages. They were wonderful. We are having communion and feet washing, praying up, paying our tithes and obeying God's commands and He is blessing us wonderfully in every way—spiritually, physically and financially. Glory to God. We have gained one member in our church. The way grows brighter.

Pray for us, we need prayer. Come over and help us. If anyone feels led to come, don't wait, we need good preachers and singing teachers through here. May God bless the saints everywhere and arouse them to a sense of duty. If we will pray and pay and measure up to God's Word and exercise the faith that God gives us, signs will follow the believers.—W. A. Wildmon